

HOUSE RESOLUTION 312

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew William Chandler, 2002 Salutatorian of Rockwood High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew William Chandler is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Rockwood High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Chandler has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 98.23 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Matthew William Chandler has earned numerous honors and awards, including recognition on the Honor Roll and inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, a proficient and dedicated musician, Mr. Chandler has performed with the school's Marching Band, in which he serves as Drum Major and Field Commander, and the Concert Band, in which he serves as First Chair Tenor Saxophone and First Chair Sousaphone; and

WHEREAS, Matthew William Chandler has earned numerous honors and awards for his performances in various musical events, including Second Place Drum Major in the Foothills Classic Marching Band Competition, Second Place Drum Major at the Volunteer Classic Marching Band Competition, Superior Rated Drum Major at the Smoky Mountain Invitational Marching Band, and the Excellent Drum Major Award at the Tennessee State Marching Band Championship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these honors, Mr. Chandler has been named as First Chair Tenor Saxophone in the Red Band TSSBDA Band Clinic and as Fourth Alternate at the All-East Junior Clinic; he has also participated in the Southeast Chamber Music Institute and the Tennessee Technological University All-Star Band Symposium; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, he also possesses tremendous athletic talent and played an integral role in his school's Tennis Team; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers, Matthew William Chandler has served as a Delegate to Boys' State and has participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum; and

WHEREAS, he is involved in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Governor's Study Program, the History Bowl Team, the Tennessee Science Bowl Team, the Chess Club, a Woodwind Quintet, and the Jazz Band; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Chandler serves in numerous civic organizations, including the National Beta Club; he also serves as a Roane County Judicial Teen Court Clerk, Teacher Volunteer, and D. A. R. E. Role Model; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Matthew William Chandler's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Donald and Susan Chandler, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Rockwood High School Salutatorian, Matthew William Chandler, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.